

FALL 2024

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NEWSLETTER OF THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY - PONTE VEDRA BEACH, FL

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## COMMUNITY LIBRARY SUPPORT

From the Manager-

On behalf of the entire team at our branch, I extend our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support of this library. Since we reopened after having our roof replaced, we have experienced great attendance at events, outstanding daily traffic and high usage of our study spaces. We hosted a remarkable Summer Reading Program. The generous contributions, insightful observations and active participation of our Friends of the Library have enabled us to expand our services, update our collections, and create a record number of enriching programs for all ages. Our library is a vibrant hub of learning and community engagement. We are committed to continuing to serve you with the highest standards. I appreciate the wonderful staff comments, program ideas and constructive criticism that I receive weekly. Our staff members embrace the mission to care for the citizens of St. Johns County. As I approach my second-year anniversary in service to this community, I look forward to even more innovative collaboration with community stakeholders. Thank you for making our library a cornerstone of our community.



*Kim Odom*

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*Branch Manager*

## MAY YARDSALE FOR SEYMOUR'S



The library shutdown in May did not stop Seymour's from selling! Closets were cleaned out to make room for more fun projects, so we had a yard sale in our down time. Thank you to everyone who attended to make it a success!

Elisabeth Falcone, Marilyn Devine, and Betty Klancnik sorted a large donation in a garage during the May library closure.





# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

## FOL President's Message

Dear Friends,

What a hot summer we had, but our library was cool and filled with fun activities for all ages. This included the Million Minute Community Challenge with free books given out and a special raffle for our adults. Now that the children are back in school, we are ready to move on to fall. Thursday, October 10th, we will be having a special appreciation event for all our FOL members. A concert by Grass Menagerie and refreshments, if you are a current member you will be receiving an invitation, in order to get in you must **rsvp**. We look forward to mingling and showing you how much your support means for the library.

We want to announce our Jack Morgan Volun-Teen Service Award Recipients Victoria Joseph. Joan Meyers, Youth Services Programming Coordinator said- Victoria is a shining star and her time here at the library has helped her to narrow down her future plans to now pursue a career in library science.

Joy Qui - as one of her advisors at PV High School said is a remarkable young woman who exemplifies diligence, responsibility and leadership in all she endeavors. We are fortune to have such wonderful young women helping at our library - Congratulations!

We are looking for workers, who love the library and would like to be on our working board, please contact me if you are interested. Please help spread the word about the FOL and ask your friends to join.



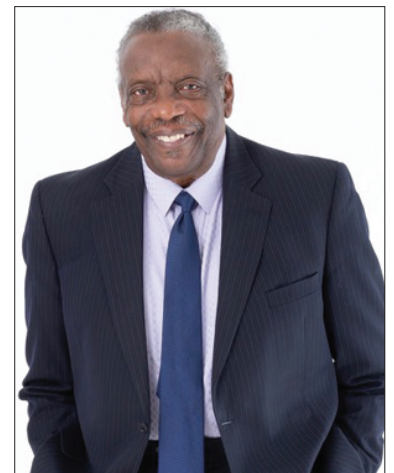
Thank you,  
**Leslie Kleiman**  
FOL President

## FOL SPEAKER SERIES RETURNS

The popular FOL Speaker Series returns to the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library this fall with two more outstanding speakers. On Tuesday, September 17, Nat Glover, elected as Florida's first Black sheriff since Reconstruction, will discuss his memoir, *Striving for Justice: A Black Sheriff in the Deep South*.

Glover joined Jacksonville's police department in 1966. He was named Police Officer of the Year four times, was promoted to detective, rose to sergeant, and was appointed the city's first hostage negotiator. In 1995, Duval County voters elected him sheriff. He went on to be a mayoral candidate in 2003 and later served as the 29th President of his alma mater, Edward Waters University.

*Striving for Justice* will be available for sale, and proceeds will help fund scholarships for need-based students through the "Where They Will Shine Scholarship Fund."



Nat Glover



Gary on the Camino

October will shine a light on Ponte Vedra's history as Gary Sass, local historian, entrepreneur, and storyteller, explores "A Tale of Two Cities — Pontevedra, Spain and Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida." Sass is President of AdLib Luxury Tours & Transportation and has personally conducted over 100 different tours in North Florida, mostly in Jacksonville and St. Augustine. He's a member of the Jacksonville Historical Society and St. Augustine Historical Society.



Programs are free and open to the public.  
Doors to the FOL Community Room open at 6:00 p.m. and the program begins at 6:30 p.m.

# LIBRARY PROGRAMS



## SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2024 PROGRAMMING SUMMARY

### Children's Programming

#### Baby Storytime (0-12 months)

Join Ms. Jane as she leads you and your little one through songs, rhymes, and stories to introduce your babies to literacy. This is an interactive story time for newborns up to one year.

TUES & WED 10:15am

#### Toddlers & Tales (12 months- 3 years)

Join Ms. Robyn and Ms. Jane for a story time designed for your toddlers. We will sing, dance, and play in this story time designed to bridge between baby time and preschool story time.

MON 1:15pm | THURS 10:15am

#### Preschool Storytime (3-5 years)

Join Ms. Robyn and Ms. Jane for this story time designed to help your child prepare for preschool and kindergarten. We will learn through stories, songs, movement, and special activities.

THURS 11:15am

#### Family Storytime @ 10:15am

Sept 14 | Oct 12 | Nov 9

#### PVB Kids Club (ages 3-7) @ WED 2:30pm

Sept 4 | Sept 11 | Sept 18 | Sept 25

Oct 2 | Oct 9 | Oct 16 | Oct 23 | Oct 30 | Nov 6 | Nov 13

#### Music Makers (K-5th grade) @ WED 3:00pm

Sept 4 | Oct 2 | Nov 6

#### You TouCan Uke (2-5th grade) @ THURS 4:00 RSVP

Oct 3 | Oct 10 | Oct 17 | Oct 24

#### LEGO STEM Adventures for Kids (2-5th grade) @ SAT 3:00pm

Sept 7 | Oct 5 | Nov 16

#### LEGO STEM Adventures for Kids (2-5th grade) @ WED

3:30pm | 4:30pm

Sept 11 | Oct 9 | Nov 13

#### Kids STEM Activity (K-5th grade) @ WED 3:30pm

Sept 18 Water Cycle

Oct 23 Erosion & Flooding

#### Kids STEM Activity (K-5th grade) @ SAT 3:00pm

Sept 21 Water Cycle

Oct 26 Erosion & Flooding

#### Homeschool Program @ TUES 1:00pm

K-5th grades Sept 10 | Oct 1

6-12th grades Sept 17 | Oct 15

All ages Nov 12

#### Creative Kids (K-5th grade) @ Wed 3:30pm

Sept 25 Tornado in a Bottle

Oct 16 Water Color Painting

#### Creative Kids (K-5th grade) @ Sat 3:00pm

Sept 28 Tornado in a Bottle

Oct 19 Water Color Painting

#### Fall Fun and Costume Parade THURS Oct 17 | 10:15am

Join us for a fun morning of games, crafts and fall activities. Wear your costume to parade around the library and trick-or-treat for special prizes.

### Teen Programming

#### Teen Programs @ MON 5:30pm

Sept 9 Video Game Tournament

Sept 16 Book Binding

Sept 30 Teen Journaling

Oct 14 Pumpkin Painting

Oct 21 Trivia Night

Nov 4 Ornaments

Nov 25 Teen Holiday Party

### Adult Programming

#### Tech Help with David @ 10:30 - 12:30

Sept 5 | Sept 19 | Oct 3 | Oct 17 | Oct 31 | Nov 14 | June 13 RSVP

#### Book Lovers Book Club @ 11:00

*Trust by Hernan Diaz*

Sept 6

*The Island of Sea Women by Lisa See*

Oct 4

*Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver*

Nov 8

#### Learn with a Librarian @ 11:00am | RSVP

Sept 4 Libby for eBooks and eAudio

Oct 2 All about Aspen, the library catalog

Nov 6 Online News Sources – WSJ & NYTimes

#### Friday Flicks (all ages) @ 11:00 am

*The Parent Trap* Sept 20

*Young Frankenstein* Oct 11

*Jumanji* Nov 15

#### Adult Coloring Club

Sept 10 | Oct 8 | Nov 12

#### Crafters Corner – featuring a new craft every month

Sept 26 | Oct 17 | Nov 21 RSVP

#### Spanish Cuisine with Chef Warren WED Sept 4 | 6-7pm RSVP

#### Women's Singing Circle MON Sept 16 | 6-7pm RSVP

#### Speaker Series: Nat Glover TUES Sept 17 | 6:30-7:30pm

#### St. Johns Audubon Birding Workshop SAT

Sept 21 | 10 – 11am RSVP

#### Art Workshop: Exploring Watercolors MON Sept 23 | 6-7pm RSVP

#### Florida Public Archaeology Network Presents: Ancient

Fermentation: The archaeology of beer, wine & fermented food

TUES Oct 1 | 6-7pm RSVP

#### Women's Self Defense Class WED Oct 2 | 5:30 – 8pm | 13+ RSVP

#### Speaker Series: Gary Sass TUES Oct 15 | 6:30 – 7:30pm

#### Beginners Ukulele for Adults MON Oct 28 | 6-7pm RSVP

#### Gory, Ghastly Ghost Stories in the Park

TUES Oct 29 | 5:30 – 6:30pm RSVP

#### Bingo for Books THURS Nov 7 | 3-4pm

#### Guest Speaker: Robert Pacey on the JFK Assassination: 61

Years Later WED Nov 13 | 6-7pm | RSVP

#### Author Talk: Elizabeth Randall on her newest book, Secret St.

Augustine THUR Nov 14 | 3-4pm

#### Art with Kasha SAT Nov 16 | 2-4pm RSVP

#### Board Game Night TUES Nov 26 | 5-7pm

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# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

## Friends of the Library Seymour Travels the Globe on a Reading Adventure



The programming team introduced “Traveling Seymour” to our patrons to help celebrate summer reading. This activity encouraged patrons to bring a Seymour postcard along for their summer adventures and to email photos to be displayed at the library. Seymour has traveled over twenty-five thousand miles, visited parks, museums, aquariums, and even an owl café in Japan! Who knew those even existed?! He’s been to destinations including Disney, Germany, Colorado, and Africa just to name a few! The library received fun messages including, “Seymour took a Hudson River cruise around Manhattan today. He seemed to enjoy himself, but quickly returned to his reading.” & “My kids picked up Seymour at the PVB library and couldn’t wait to get a picture with him on our travels in North Carolina!” What an exciting way to engage our library patrons and friends outside of the library!



### Birds, Singing, Scary Stories, and Ukes! New Adult Programs

With the addition of a new adult programmer earlier this year, the library is busy planning unique experiences for adults in the upcoming months including art workshops, Birding with St. Johns Audubon, a Women’s Singing Circle, Scary Storytelling in the Park, and an Adult Ukulele class! Who says the kids get to have all of the fun?! Be sure to register to attend one of these new programs.

### 2025 Dr. Gerson Yessin Music Series

Music enthusiasts can look forward to an exciting line up of musical performances for the 2025 Season of the Dr. Gerson Yessin Music Series that will be held on the second Tuesday of each month from January 2025- May 2025. Keep an eye out for the next edition of *Check This Out!* for more performance details.

### The Library’s Summer Adventure in Reading Was a HUGE Success!

The Library’s Summer Reading Program was an EXCEPTIONAL adventure in reading. Over 4,000 participants enjoyed the various programs, and more than 2,200 books were distributed to children who reached their reading goals — what an accomplishment! Adults were also engaged through different programs, with the chance to win an adventure basket. The support of the Friends of the Library was instrumental in making this program such a hit, highlighting their generosity and assistance. For anyone inspired by this success and wanting to contribute, volunteering opportunities are available at the library.

### New Schedule for Children’s and Teen’s Programs

Make sure to review the library’s upcoming programs list for children and teens. We’ve added new programs and adjusted dates and times for several recurring ones. Starting in September, we’re expanding our support for young visitors by introducing two new story time sessions: another Babytime on Tuesdays at 10:15am and an additional Toddlers & Tales on Mondays at 1:15pm. Our Elementary Kids’ events will now be held on Wednesdays at 3:30pm and Saturdays at 3:00pm, while teen programs are moving to Monday nights at 5:30 pm. We’re also thrilled to announce new programs designed for homeschoolers.

### Music Series

DUE TO CONFLICTS WITH VOTING, THE MUSIC SERIES WILL RETURN IN THE BEGINNING OF 2025. STAY TUNED FOR A FULL LIST OF CONCERTS.

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## *Summer Fun in the Library*

What fun was had this summer with the delightful programs designed for our youth but enjoyed by all ages. An animal zoofari, art adventures, a magician, and story times.



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## Children's Book Review/Fall

With over 400 books published at the age of 8, Jane Yolen has been called the Hans Christian Anderson of America and the Aesop of the 20th century.

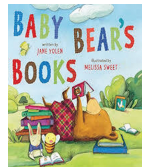
Ms. Yolen's output of picture books are over 100. Her series "How do Dinosaurs..." has 23 books with the latest, **How Do Dinosaurs Learn to be Kind?** Mark Teague, illustrator, @2023, ages 3-5. With a question posed in rhyme of each page with large illustrations, the reader knows what the answer is in the end. There are illustrations of dinosaurs and their names.



**A Kite for Moon**, illustrated by Matt Phelan, @2019, ages 3-5. A little boy who likes to fly kites on the beach notices how sad the moon looks. He sends his kites up with the messages that he will one day join the moon. When he grows up, he becomes an astronaut. This book is dedicated to Neil Armstrong, the first man on the moon.

**What to Do with a Box, What to DO with a String**, illustrated by C.F.Payne, @2019, ages 4-8, shows a little girl catching a rhino, making phone lines, and making a "glorious swing with a string."

**Baby Bear's Books**, illustrated by Melissa Sweet, @2006, ages 2-5. This book has full page color illustrations with rhyming tales of Baby Bear's love for books any time of the day. "Snack time's the right time for hearing a tale. A story, like honey, can never be stale." Isn't that the truth!



## Artwall for September



### Riëtte Gouws Art

Riëtte is a local artist who had success selling via interior decorators and via social media.

Her inspiration comes from nature's lines, colors, shapes and textures. Her body of work is mostly made up of abstract landscapes. She enjoys working in larger scales and her style is more abstract than realistic with a definite focus on color.

Her next exhibition is in September at the Ponte Vedra Library and will focus on her smaller works. She incorporates various types of media with oil, and oil with cold wax being her favorites.

She lives in Ponte Vedra Beach and is originally from South Africa.

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## This is Such a Beautiful Area to Live

NE Florida and St. John's County truly are a bit of paradise. I personally, have the pleasure of walking the beach, riding my bike, shopping locally, using exercise opportunities, talking and meeting nice people everywhere I go.

What still surprises me, and my point being, is the number of people who still do not know all that is available at our local PV Library. Did you know there is a bookstore inside the library? Inside the bookstore, called Seymour's, there are puzzles, vintage books, art work, T-shirts, LP's, CD's, cookbooks, and travel books. There are also new releases, SAT review books, and beautiful coffee table books. There is a large selection of fiction, non-fiction, hard back and trade fiction paperbacks. Seymour's is run by volunteers and donations are always appreciated.



Laura Burke

Our library itself does an outstanding job of offering so much to all age groups and interests. There are kids clubs, story time for infants, toddlers, pre-K, and family's. There is technical assistance offered for adults, arts and crafts workshops, speakers, concerts, and book clubs. Behind the library is beautiful, serene, bird island to walk and watch for wildlife.

I could go on and on with all that is offered throughout the year at PV Library but this article has limits on space. If you are familiar with us, good for you! Please share with others and encourage people to use and enjoy this gem in our community. If you have not been here, come explore, and see how much this library has to offer. So many folks from out of town come in whenever they are in this area and say, "sure wish we had a library like this where I live".

## Summer Reading





# FOL Membership

Look for the 2025 renewal letter in the mail shortly or please visit our website at

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and click on the membership tab.

You can also scan the QR Code below or simply drop a payment off at Seymour's.

*We thank you for your continued support.*

## FOL Appreciation Event

Thursday, October 10, 2024

5:15 to 7:30 p.m.

Concert and Refreshments

*Look for your invitation in the mail.*

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### LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Monday, September 2, 2024 Labor Day

Monday, November 11, 2024 Veterans Day

Thursday, November 28 – Friday November 29, 2024

Thanksgiving Holiday

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